

# **PSALM 23 : A PSALM OF CALM IN TIME OF CRISES SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020 PASTOR DOUG CLAY**

## **I. PSALM 23**

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

**Psalms 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

### **1. WE CAN EXPECT HIM TO MEET OUR NEEDS.**

**Psalms 23:1** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

### **2. WE CAN EXPECT HIM TO LEAD US TO THE PATHS OF PEACE WHERE WE CAN RELAX.**

**Psalms 23:2** He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,

### **3. WE CAN EXPECT HIM TO REPLENISH OUR STRENGTH AND GUIDE US ALONG “RIGHT PATHS.”**

**Psalms 23:3** He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name’s sake.

**John 16:13** But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.

**Job 33:14** For God does speak—now one way, now another— though no one perceives it.

#### **4. WE CAN EXPECT HIM TO WALK WITH US WHEN THINGS GET WORSE.**

**Psalms 23:4** Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me. Your rod and Your staff protect and comfort me.

#### **5. WE CAN EXPECT HIM TO GIVE DIVINE FAVOR.**

**Psalm 23:5** You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; You welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim.

**Psalms 23:6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

#### **6. WE CAN EXPECT TO BE WITH HIM IN HEAVEN SOMEDAY SOON.**

**John 14:1-3** “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.

**What is Heaven like?**

- A. A Prepared place for a prepared people
- B. A place of release

**1 Peter 1:4-7 (LB)** And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in his mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it, because you are trusting him. It will be yours in that coming last day for all to see. So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here.

**Revelation 21:4** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

## **II. CONCLUSION**

- 1. God is in control, but I have to choose to let Him lead.**
- 2. Life is full of valleys . . .**
- 3. Heaven is real . . . And the Lord wants to spend all of eternity with you.**